SUBMISSION – DAVID GRANT

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED MAY 16, 2023 – ITEM 13 – NEW 2023 CAPITAL BUDGET PROJECT – ST. MARY'S ROAD RIVERBANK STABILITY STUDY

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Delegation information
Committee: Council
Committee - council: Opposed to the recommendations
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Agenda item (number and title): EPC 13

Service inquiry: Register as a Delegation, Submit Comments in writing
Participation preference: Via Zoom

Comments in writing: As some of you well know, I am strongly in favor of protecting the edges of our waterways. I would like to see more steel pilings installed.
Aspects of this item are troubling. It is for a lot of money and seems to be another violation of the best practices rules at city hall. This matter is not a suddenly-appearing failure. This riverbank has been problematic for decades. The city should not now be forced into emergency action to break rules.
The excuse that only KGS has the data from the last time the city hired them to study this matter, suggests that city staff have failed to keep the info it paid for at the time. Will the city learn from this? Will all raw data be archived from future civil engineering work we pay for? The apparent ethical violations that arose from another major KGS report of that vintage, suggest that the rules be followed this time, even if the work begins weeks later as a result. If the timeline for the work is adjusted, we could still meet any needed reporting date.
Initially, I was disappointed to see another project funded by grabbing road repair money. In this case, the money is being spent to protect the land on which a road lies, so this is more legitimate that some recent non-road work funded with road repair $.

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Public engagement preference: I agree